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11. (SBU) During a November 24 meeting with USAID econoff, Chinese Embassy economic counselor Wang Qin said a delegation consisting of agriculture experts and Chinese Export-Import Bank representatives would attend the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) conference scheduled for December 7-8 in Kigali. Wan said that part of the recent China-Africa summit in Egypt dealt with agriculture, but that the Chinese government does not have plans to support agriculture in Rwanda as much as it does in other countries because Rwanda's hilly terrain makes farming very difficult. Chinese aid is accordingly modest, and includes rice demonstration plots and research, as well as assistance with bamboo handicraft production.

13. (SBU) COMMENT: Although President Kagame has made it clear he seeks closer economic ties with China as part of Rwanda's overall development strategy, Chinese-Rwandan cooperation on agriculture remains quite limited. END COMMENT
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